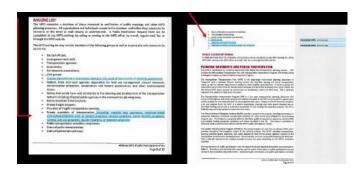
FAST ACT COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST FOR METROPOLITAN & STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS

(Due on or after 05-27-18)

- 1. Update Public Participation Plan (PPP) to include: a) public ports; b) private providers of transportation (including intercity bus operators, employer-based commuting programs, such as carpool program, vanpool program, transit benefits program, parking cash-out program, shuttle program, or telework program). (Ref: 23 CFR 450.316(a))
 - a) Abilene's only port is the Abilene Regional Airport. The City's Transportation Services Department is responsible for management of this facility. The MPO regularly interacts with this department through regular channels and its Director is a voting member of the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).
 - b) The Abilene MPO maintains a list of contacts including email, phone and address information to provide notifications for meetings, events and for the distribution of other information. Transit providers are included in this list. The list is updated periodically and as needed. The primary provider of transit within the Abilene MPO Planning Area is the City of Abilene which operates a fixed route and paratransit system known as "CityLink". The General Manager of CityLink is a voting member of the MPO's TAC. Greyhound Bus Line, operates a national commercial bus service with one station in the Abilene MPO area. City and Rural Rides, Double Mountain Coach, and Concho Coaches are additional transit providers offering regional, rural and similar services within or into our area. The Abilene MPO maintains regular contact with all these providers and serves on a Stakeholders Group for Region 7 on the Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan (RCTP) related to regional transit. The Abilene MPO regularly interacts with, advises, and assists 211 a Call for Help (United Way) which manages various administrative functions for regional transit under an agreement with the City of Abilene who serves as the lead agency for Region 7.

The Abilene area does not have a parking cash-out program or transit benefits program.

On April 17, 2018, the Abilene MPO Policy Board approved an update to the PPP to address this requirement. Changes were incorporated on Page 8 of 17 and 9 of 17 of the 2018 document (see below)



2. Demonstrate consultation with agencies involved in: a) tourism; b) natural disaster risk reduction. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.316(b))

The Abilene MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has a representative from the Chamber of Commerce as a voting member. The Chamber of Commerce operates the City's Convention and Visitors Bureau under an agreement with the City of Abilene. A link to the Chamber and to the City of Abilene is maintained on the MPO's website so those interested can learn about upcoming events. A member of the Abilene MPO Technical Advisory Committee serves on the board of the Taylor County Expo Center. This 127-acre facility is the host site for over 231 events a year including such things as PRCA rodeos, equestrian events, trade shows, farm and ranch events, concerts, monster truck shows, athletic events, graduations, charity events, county fairs and even private rentals. The facility is estimated to have an economic impact to the Abilene region of over \$20 million - in part by bringing people from outside the community who spend money on hotels, restaurants, fuel and shopping. The MPO actively partners with the Steamboat Cycling Club in promoting the annual Ride of Silence bicycle event each May and with the local Drive Safe Coalition on the Ride to Work Motorcycle event held each June. Both of these single-day events, promote safety, have growing participation rates and draw increasing numbers of people from outside the community.

The Abilene MPO web page has a link to the City of Abilene webpage where Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) data is available on flood hazard areas in the form of interactive maps displayed through a GIS Portal which is available for the general public to view and download free of charge. The MPO maintains links on its website to the City of Abilene, Jones County, Taylor County and the Texas Department of Transportation where individuals can obtain information on emergency situations and in some cases sign up for automatic telephone notifications of potentially dangerous weather events. The Abilene MPO coordinates with emergency providers and others listed in the database in the development of the MTP.

Because of the prominence of these facilities within our planning area, the Abilene MPO staff attends annual pipeline emergency and safety training. The staff participates in scenario planning events as a part of this training.

On April 17, 2018, the Abilene MPO Policy Board approved changes to the PPP to address this requirement.

- Users of bicycle transportation facilities;
- · The disabled communities;
- Public utility companies and districts;
- Public ports;
- Agencies involved in tourism;
- · Agencies involved in natural disaster risk reduction
- 3. MPO(s), State(s), and the providers of public transportation shall jointly agree upon and develop specific written provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to: a) transportation performance data; b) the selection of performance targets; c) the reporting of performance targets; d) the reporting of performance to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for the region of the MPO & the

collection of data for the State asset management plan for the NHS. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.314(h))

A joint MOU between TxDOT, the Abilene MPO and the City of Abilene (operator of the CityLink Transit service) was approved on the following dates by all relevant parties: Abilene MPO: 04/17 /2018, City of Abilene: 04/30/2018, TXDOT Abilene District: 04/17/2018.

- 4. Incorporate two new planning factors: a) Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm-water impacts of surface transportation; b) Enhance travel and tourism. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.206(a)(9&10) and 306(b)(9&10))
 - a) Areas of increased storm-water risk as determined by (FEMA, Corps of Engineers) have been mapped in detail within much of the City of Abilene and incorporated area into a digital map layer using the ARC GIS platform. This information is in a shared layer available to TXDOT, the City of Abilene, County officials and other parties as needed to determine potential flood risk in proximity to potential project locations. TxDOT, municipal and/or county officials will evaluate storm-water as applicable for on or off system projects and apply appropriate design guides for mitigation of potential impacts.
 - b) The Abilene MPO PPP has been amended to incorporate outreach to entities associated with travel and tourism. The Abilene MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has a representative from the Chamber of Commerce as a voting member. The Chamber of Commerce operates the City's Convention and Visitors Bureau. A link to the Chamber and to the City of Abilene is maintained on the MPO's website so those interested can learn about upcoming events and plan accordingly. A member of the Abilene MPO Technical Advisory Committee serves as a Board Member of the Taylor County Expo Center. This 127-acre facility is the host site for over 231 events a year. The MPO Policy Board and TAC have members associated with local institutions of higher learning. The MPO actively partners with the Steamboat Cycling Club in promoting and operating the annual Ride of Silence bicycle event each May and with the local Drive Safe Coalition on the Ride to Work Motorcycle event held each June. Both of these single-day events, promote safety, have growing participation rates and draw increasing numbers of people from outside the community.
- 5. Include consideration of intercity buses (in both MTPs and Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plans). (Ref: 23 CFR 450.216(b) and 324(f)(2)

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which manages various administrative functions for regional transit under an agreement with CityLink who serves as the lead agency for Region 7.

6. MTP includes an assessment of capital investment and other strategies to preserve the existing and future transportation system and reduce the vulnerability of the existing transportation infrastructure to natural disasters. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.324(f)(7))

The Abilene Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) discusses the importance of preservation and the efficient use of the existing transportation system. A major portion of plan funding is targeted to projects and programs specifically intended to maintain, repair, rehabilitate, or reconstruct the existing system. The majority of mobility improvements projects also contain elements of system preservation and rehabilitation. The Abilene MPO works with the City of Abilene's emergency planning department to address issues such as evacuation routes and emergency detouring capability.

7. MTP includes a description of the (Federally required) performance measures and performance targets used in assessing the performance of the transportation system. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.324(f)(3))

The Abilene MPO MTP incorporates Planning Factors identified in SAFETEA-LU and associated local elements. It also includes an in-depth review of performance measures included in the MAP 21 legislation and commits to taking actions locally, which will achieve these national goals. The Abilene MPO Project Selection Process captures the performance measures criteria for evaluation of projects.

8. MTP includes a system evaluation report evaluating the condition and performance of the transportation system with respect to the (Federally required) performance targets including progress achieved by the MPO toward the performance targets. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.324(f)(4))

The MPO has also adopted resolutions for the performance measures: PM 1 (Safety), PM 2 (Pavement/Bridge Condition), PM 3 (NHS, Freight, and CMAQ), and PM 4 Transit Asset Management.

9. STIP/TIPs include (to the maximum extent practicable) a description of the anticipated effect of the STIP and TIP toward achieving the performance targets identified by the State in the long-range statewide transportation plan and by MPO in the MTP. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.218(q) and 326(d))

The Abilene MPO TIP does include projects specifically related to performance measures and places those in the document.

10. STIP/TIPs include a linkage from the investment priorities in the TIP/STIP to achievement of performance targets in the plans. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.218(q) and 326(d))

The Abilene MPO TIP does show the linkage from the projects to the accomplishment of the performance measures. The MPO strives to ensure through the project selection process that citizens have a voice in developing transportation plans for all modes and that these projects fit harmoniously within our communities without sacrificing safety or mobility. It is anticipated that as performance measures data is collected over time; the project selection, investment methodologies and related systems will be adapted to improve resiliency and responsiveness.

11. Statewide plan shall include a description of the performance measures & targets and a systems performance report assessing the performance of the transportation system. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.216(f)(1&2))

N/A (State DOT)

12. Statewide plan and STIP updates should apply asset management principles consistent with the State Asset Management Plan for the NHS and the Transit Asset Management Plan and the Public Transportation Safety Plan in the statewide planning process. (Ref: 23 CFR 450.208(e))

N/A (State DOT)